

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 22-25 and 27-30 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application among:

Group I, claims 1-7 and 19, drawn to peptides and compositions thereof;

Group II, claims 8-9, drawn to dimers;

Group III, claims 10-13 and 27-28, drawn to a polynucleotides, expression vectors, cells encoding the peptide of claim 1 and method of making said peptide;

Group IV, claims 14 and 22, drawn to antibody directed to the peptides of claim 1 and compositions thereof;

Group V, claims 15-18 and 29-30, drawn to cells containing the peptides of claim 1 and compositions thereof; and

Group VI, claims 23-25 drawn to monomers, dimmers, tetramers or pentamers containing the peptides of claim 1 with an HLA-A24 antigen and compositions thereof.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7 and 19.

The Examiner has also required an election of species (although deemed a separate restriction requirement), with respect to the amino acid sequence of the peptide. **Applicants elect the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8 for initial examination in the present application.**

All of elected claims 1-7 and 19 are generic and encompass the elected species.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell, Ph.D., Registration

No 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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